Roxbury Community College

26th Honors Assembly

Thursday, April 24, 1997

11:45 AM

Media/Arts Building

Roxbury Community College
1234 Columbus Avenue
Roxbury Crossing, Massachusetts

Program

Greetings

Holly Guran

Student Greetings

Chesterfield Coppin, *English*

Clarisa Guzman, *Spanish*

Jims Jean Jacques, *French/Creole*

Nur Adam, *Somali*

So Ching Lam, *Cantonese*

Opening Remarks

Dr. Grace Carolyn Brown, *President, Roxbury Community College*

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Alex Asare, *Professor, Math Department*
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Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Trudy Thompson, *Professor, Nursing Department*
Co-Chair, Scholarship and Honors Committee

Keynote Address

Lorraine Fowlkes, *Roxbury Community College Graduate 1988*

Gareth R. Saunders, *Chief of Staff, Office of Boston City Councilor for District 7*

Song

"The Greatest Love of All"

RCC Choral Vocal Club, led by Margurita Morrissey

Dean's List Recognition

Dr. Paul K. Willenbrock, *Executive Dean, Academic Affairs*

President's List Recognition

Dr. Grace Carolyn Brown, *President*

Presentation of RCCF Scholarships

Mr. William Sapers, *Board of Directors, Roxbury Community College Foundation*

Presentation of the Cheryl Spencer Memorial Scholarships

Presentation of the Alise Rostan Dowling Nursing Scholarship

Nadine Valery Dowling, *Chief Development Officer*

Recognition of Veronica Spriggs, Roxbury Community Collge student and Brandeis University McNair Scholars Program Recipient

Dr. Tesfay Aradom, *Assistant Professor, Social Sciences*

Lift Every Voice and Sing

RCC Choir, directed by Dr. Edmond J. Mousally

Reception immediately following in the lobby of the Media/Arts Building

About the Keynote Speaker

Lorraine Fowlkes graduated from Roxbury Community College in 1988 with Honors in the English concentration. she made the RCC President's and Dean's Lists, earned the RCC Student of the Year Award and organized RCC students for Jesse Jackson's Presidential Campaign. In addition she worked as a student assistant, helping to,plan and develop the RCC Transfer Program. After graduating, she pursued further studies at Wellesley College and Northeastern University.

A resident of Mattapan, Fowlkes has am long history of grassroots political and tenet organizing. She presently serves as chief of staff for Boston City Councillor Gareth Saunders. Prior to her current position, she was a senior organizer for the Greater Roxbury Neighborhood Authority where she successfully mobilized HUD tenants for cooperative ownership of their apartment buildings. Fowlkes has also worked as Branch Office and Legal Redress Clinic Manager for the Boston Branch of the NAACP. There she served as client advocate, did fundraising and recruited new members. She was tenant organizer for the Housing Division of the United South End Settlements, where she served as tenant liaison, generated a monthly newsletter and organized community meetings.

Her Community and political affiliations are numerous. She is a member and coordinator of the RCC Alumni Association, co-chair of the METCO Lincoln/Sudbury Parents' Council, president of the Dorchester High School Parents Council, co-founder/organizer of RISE (Resolve Injustice, Stop Evictions), and was a delegate to the 1988 Massachusetts Democratic Convention.

About the Composer

Lift Every Voice and Sing

James Weldon Johnson was born in Jacksonville, Florida in 1871. He received his early education there and then attended Atlanta University. A subsequent career as public school principal, lawyer, diplomat, executive secretary for the NAACP and professor of creative literature at Fisk University paralleled his growth and maturity as a poet and man of letters. In 1900, with his brother, J. Rosamond Johnson, he wrote "Lift Every Voice and Sing". Johnson also wrote the lyrics for several musica shows and put his name on a number of hit songs in his early writing days. At the time of his death in an automobile accident in 1938 he was regarded as one of the foremost African Americans of his generation. (from *The Poetry of the Negro*, 1746-1970, edited by Langston Hughes and Arna Bontemps).

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Founded in 1973, Roxbury Community College (RCC) is one of 15 publicly-supported two-year institutions of higher learning providing liberal arts, technical and occupational programs. The College offers day and evening classes at two campuses leading to 19 Associate of Arts and Science degrees and seven program certificates.

Most importantly, students have the advantage of a supportive learning environment where faculty and staff reflect the cultural diversity of the student body.

Established a decade ago, the mission of the Roxbury Community College Foundation is to directly and powerfully affect educational opportunities for students of Roxbury Community College by generating private support for scholarships, a permanent endowment, and other essential programs and services at the College not covered by public funds.

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Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith
that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope
that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won.

James Weldon Johnson